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SUBJ: OASGA WINDS UP SEVENTH SESSION APPROVING FOUR HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS

REF: GRENADA 0074

1. SUMMARY: PLENARY SESSION OF VII OASGA APPROVED FOUR HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS AT EVENING SESSION JUNE 22: MEXICO/VENEZUELA'S RESOLUTION ON ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IAHRA; VENEZUELA'S RESOLUTION ON CHILE; COLOMBIA'S RESOLUTION ON PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH ECONOMIC COOPERATION; AND US/VEN/CR/DR/JAMAICA/BARBADOS/TRINIDAD-TOBAGO RESOLUTION ON FORTIFYING THE IAHRC. FIRST THREE WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT PLENARY SESSION BUT FOURTH BECAME CLIFFHANGER AGAIN WHEN ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR LEORO PROPOSED SERIES
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OF NITPICKING AMENDMENTS, MEXICO/VENEZUELA CONVINCED HIM STYLE COMMITTEE WOULD IRON OUT LATER, AND URUGUAY INSISTED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. SAME 14 STATES CITED REFTEL AGAIN SUPPORTED AND RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 14-0-8. EVENING SESSION DELAYED HOURS BECAUSE COMMITTEE I SPENT AFTERNOON DEBATING NON-AUTONOMOUS STATES REPORT IN ACRIMONIOUS CONFRONTATION OVER BELIZE BETWEEN CARIBBEAN STATES (PLUS

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PANAMA) AND GUATEMALA. END SUMMARY.

2. VOTE ON ALL HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS HELD
WITHOUT DEBATE AT MORNING SESSION OF COMMITTEE I. COLOMBIA'S
RESOLUTION PASSED BY WIDE MARGIN (18-0-4), LARGELY AS
RESULT OF MEXICAN AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA'S AMENDMENT MAKING
IT PALATABLE TO CARIBBEAN AND OTHER PRO-HUMAN RIGHTS
DELEGATIONS. CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WERE ATTRACTED TO
RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF ITS PROVISIONS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES,
EVEN THOUGH THEY EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT WORDING
IN OTHER SECTIONS, WHICH MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION.
USDEL EXPLAINED ABSTENTION BY REGRETTINT OUR INABILITY TO
GO ALONG WITH COLOMBIA, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF HEMISPHERIC
PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BY POINTING OUT OUR CONERN
WITH SOME OF THE ECONOMIC CONCEPTS IN RESOLUTION, AND
NOTING THAT DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS NOT GIVEN SAME
IMPORTANCE AS NUMBER OF SIDE ISSUES. ABOVE ALL, US COULD
NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ANY CRITICISM, DIRECT OR IMPLIED,
OF IAHRC, TO WHICH WE WANT TO GIVE FULL AND UNDILUTED
SUPPORT. PANAMA, DON REP, AND VENEZUELA ALSO ABSTAINED.
ARGENTINE RESOLUTION WAS VOTED SECOND. IT FAILED TO
GAIN 13 VOTES NEEDED FOR PASSAGE DUE TO SIX NEGATIVE
VOTES (US, PAN, VEN, JAMAICA, GRENADA, T/T) AND FOUR
ABSENTIONS (MEXICO, DON REP, ECUADOR, BARBADOS).
USDEL EXPLAINED VOTE AGAINST BY NOTING OUR OPPOSITION
TO INCLUSION OF TERRORISM, DEALT WITH WELL IN DR'S
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RESOLUTION APPROVED EARLIER, OUR CONCERN THAT SUPPRESSION
OF POLITICAL LIBERTIES ABETTED TERRORISM, AND OUR EEFUSAL
TO INDULGE IN CRITICISM OF IAHRC BY JOINING IN CALL
FOR PERMANENT COUNCIL TO SET NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR
COMMISSION. VENEZUELA (MACHIN) SPOKE IN SAME VIEN.

4. CHILE'S TWO AMENDMENTS TO SEVEN NATION RESOLUTION,
ADDING CLAUSES FROM DEFEATED ARGENTINE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE
TERRORISM AND REDEFINE IAHRC'S ROLE, WERE DEFEATED BY
WIDE MARGIN, WITH EVEN BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY ABSTAINING.
URUGUAY ABSTAINED ON SECOND AMENDMENT CONCERNING PROGRAM
ON CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS ON METHODS AND PROCEDURES OF
IAHRC. VOTE TAKEN NEXT ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. TO
GREAT RELIEF OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, RESOLUTION WAS
APPROVED 14-0-8. THOSE VOTING FOR WERE PANAMA, JAMICA,
BARBADOS, US, GRENADA, SURINAM, COSTA RICA, T/T, DOM REP,
ECUADOR, HAITI, VEN, PERU, MEXICO. ABSTAINING WERE
CHILE, PARAGUAY, GUATEMALA, ARG, COL, BRAZIL, URUGUAY,
EL SALVADOR. ABSENT WERE HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, AND BOLIVIA.

5. IN EXPLAINING THEIR VOTES ON SEVEN-NATION RESOLTUION,
ARGENTINA AND CHILE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR

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RESOLUTION IF CHILEAN AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED.
ARGENTINA SAID THAT RESOLUTION WAS WATERED DOWN BY
EXCLUDING ANY REFERENCE TO TERRORISM AND SO HAD
BECOME INNOCUOUS. CHILE ALSO DISLIKED REFERENCE IN
PARA 3 TO IAHRC CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS. GUATEMALA SAID IT ABSTAINED FOR SAME
REASON BECAUSE IT COULD LEAD TO POLITICIZATION OF THE
COMMISSION. BRAZIL SAID IT COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY
REFERENCE TO A PROGRAM OF IAHRC CONSULTATIONS WITH
EITHER GOVERNMENTAL OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGAINZATIONS.

6. VENEZUELA (MACHIN) EMPHASIZED THAT THOUGH EVERYONE
CONCERNED WITH TERRORISM, IT WAS VERY DANGEROUS TO
CONFUSE PROTECTION AGAINST TERRORISM WITH DEFENSE OF
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HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID MANY STATES VIOLATING HUMAN
RIGHTS ARE NOT THREATENED BY TERRORISM AND THAT HUMAN
RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED FOR CENTURIES BY STATES WHO
USED TERRORISM AS THEIR JUSTIFICATION.

7. USDEL (WHITE) MADE FOLLOWING POINTS AFTER VOTE ON
US-BACKED RESOLUTION:

--HE SAID US CONDEMNS TERRORISM IN ALL ITS FORMS;

-- HOWEVER OAS MUST NOT CONFUSE EXERCISE OF CIVIL
RIGHTS, FREE SPEECH, ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION, WITH
TERRORISM;

-- HE QUOTED JOHN F. KENNEDY AS SAYING "THOSE WHO
MAKE PEACEFUL CHANGE IMPOSSIBLE MAKE VIOLENT CHANGE INEVITABLE".
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-- WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY ONE GOVERNMENT, HE
ASSERTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT IF ALL LEGITIMATE AVENUES
OF DISSENT CLOSED AND THE LIBERTIES OF THE PEOPLE TAKEN
AWAY, THOSE WHO DEFEND THEIR LIBERTIES CANNOT NECESSARILY
BE CLASSIFIED AS TERRORISTS.

8. COMMITTEE I SPENT AFTERNOON DEBATING REMAINING NON-
HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS, CHIEFLY ONE ON NON-AUTONOMOUS
TERRITORIES THAT BECAME FOCUS OF STRUGGLE OVER BELIZE.
MCINTYRE (TT) AND PITTY (PANAMA) MADE HIGHLY CHARGED
ATTACKED ON CASTILLO ARRIOLA (GUATEMALA), WHICH HE REJECTED
IN TEMPERATE LANGUAGE, SAYING GOG WORKING TO RESOLVE ISSUE
BILATERALLY AND OAS NOT FORUM FOR DEBATE ON ISSUE OF BELIZE,
AND OCCUPIED TERRITORY, NOT A COLONY. DE LA COLINA (MEXICO)
MADE COCILIIATORY REMARKS BUT NOTED GOM'S CLAIMS TO PART
OF BELIZE IN EVENT ITS STATUS CHANGED. PITTY WENT SO
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FAR AS TO REMIND AUDIENCE GUATEMALA HAD LEASED OUT ITS TERRITORY TO FOREIGN POWER FOR TRAINING BAY OF PIGS ATTACKERS (SEPTEL).

9. PLENARY APPROVED LONG SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS EVENING OF JUNE 22, INCLUDING FOUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ONE ON US TRADE ACT, WITH TWO US AMENDMENTS (SEPTEL. FINAL VOTE ON US COSPONSORED HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION BECAME HIGH DRAMA WHEN ECUADOR TRIED TO INTRODUCE LAST-MINUTE "CLARIFYING"AMENDMENTS AND URUGUAY USED RESULTING CONFUSION TO DEMAND ROLE CALL VOTE. DESPITE LATE HOUR, SAME CAST OF SUPPORTERS MATERALIZED AND RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 14-0-8. GA ENDED AT 8:15 PM JUNE 22.
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